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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

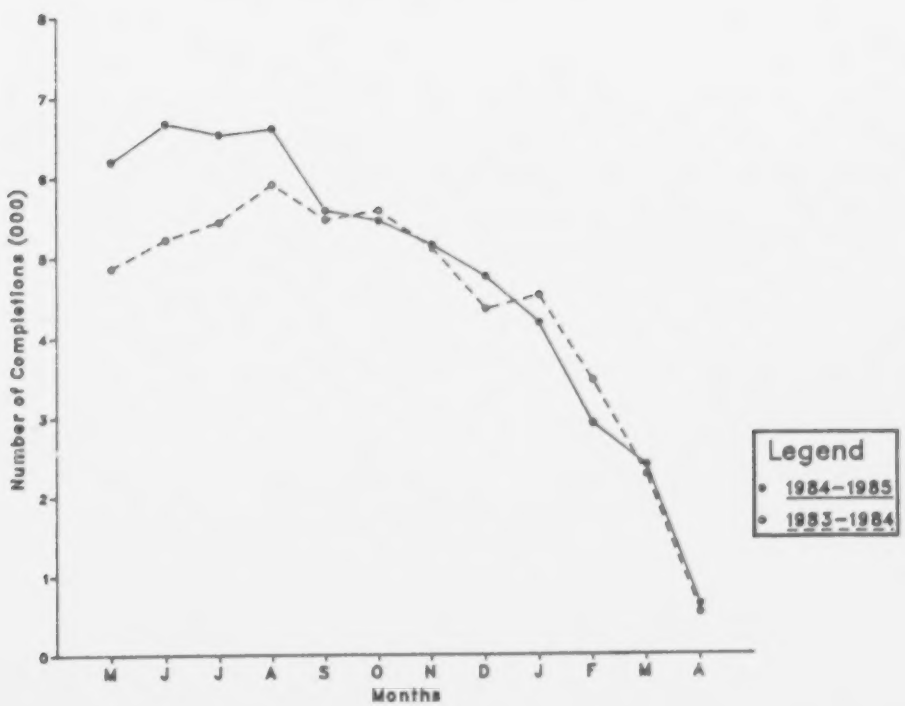

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF APRIL 30, 1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	5,060	23,913,690	1,580	9,802,160	3,471	18,736,179	10,111	52,452,029	10,390	53,394,921
1985: APR	236	1,281,402	49	469,178	346	1,920,278	631	3,670,858	655	3,709,859
MAR	1,243	6,101,652	293	1,914,421	855	4,231,920	2,391	12,247,993	2,457	12,443,050
FEB	1,513	7,181,698	524	3,242,462	877	4,751,565	2,914	15,175,725	2,997	15,422,939
JAN	2,068	9,348,938	714	4,176,099	1,393	7,832,416	4,175	21,357,453	4,281	21,819,073
TOTAL 1984	36,091	143,858,095	12,661	70,741,272	21,924	106,931,256	70,676	321,530,623	72,291	326,143,479
1984: DEC	2,412	9,815,536	748	4,299,846	1,597	8,494,947	4,757	22,610,329	4,865	22,957,453
NOV	2,727	10,892,080	851	4,647,440	1,575	7,994,107	5,153	23,533,627	5,263	23,881,449
OCT	2,835	11,991,716	903	5,193,717	1,720	8,350,977	5,458	25,536,410	5,615	26,038,454
SEP	2,861	11,215,453	943	5,254,270	1,784	8,562,912	5,588	25,032,635	5,687	25,319,159
AUG	3,181	12,186,155	1,238	6,720,876	2,189	10,121,957	6,608	29,028,988	6,750	29,474,712
JUL	3,323	12,983,956	1,154	6,544,559	2,062	9,499,417	6,539	29,027,932	6,671	29,439,954
JUN	3,300	12,485,484	1,268	6,732,507	2,105	9,668,019	6,673	28,886,010	6,815	29,280,108
MAY	3,235	12,859,108	1,165	6,514,978	1,802	8,872,593	6,202	28,246,679	6,338	28,603,242
APR	2,888	11,145,934	886	5,279,459	1,579	7,973,481	5,353	24,398,874	5,514	24,784,179
MAR	3,064	12,652,585	1,033	6,263,039	1,653	8,463,861	5,750	27,379,485	5,894	27,753,207
FEB	3,016	12,274,933	1,186	6,347,928	1,692	8,495,474	5,894	27,118,335	6,031	27,500,586
JAN	3,249	13,355,155	1,286	6,942,653	2,166	10,433,511	6,701	30,731,319	6,848	31,110,976
TOTAL 1983	35,378	132,139,343	13,737	73,800,162	22,561	100,587,278	71,676	306,526,783	73,601	311,061,575
1983: DEC	2,883	11,078,109	1,265	6,458,770	1,846	9,011,875	5,994	26,548,754	6,134	26,902,021
NOV	3,141	12,128,807	1,223	6,016,289	2,062	9,583,336	6,426	27,728,432	6,588	28,124,445
OCT	3,209	12,247,873	1,353	6,718,345	2,108	9,389,414	6,670	28,355,632	6,832	28,744,935
SEP	3,147	11,595,051	1,223	6,365,695	1,941	8,316,472	6,311	26,277,218	6,479	26,618,460
AUG	3,308	11,643,104	1,286	6,494,183	2,028	8,385,068	6,622	26,522,355	6,839	27,079,838
JUL	2,995	10,744,436	1,063	5,593,922	1,916	8,036,113	5,974	24,374,471	6,148	24,762,975
JUN	2,818	10,288,682	1,013	5,785,330	1,829	7,257,181	5,660	23,331,193	5,823	23,663,906
MAY	2,601	10,311,452	921	5,419,518	1,691	7,460,616	5,213	23,191,586	5,392	23,646,846
APR	2,526	9,766,105	861	5,172,243	1,528	7,067,991	4,915	22,006,339	5,033	22,282,060
MAR	2,845	10,973,408	1,054	6,038,788	1,812	8,430,062	5,711	25,442,258	5,872	25,774,514
FEB	2,515	9,612,682	1,072	6,009,454	1,702	7,774,324	5,289	23,396,460	5,408	23,703,226
JAN	3,390	11,749,634	1,403	7,727,625	2,098	9,874,826	6,891	29,352,085	7,053	29,758,349
TOTAL 1982	38,109	146,069,639	18,381	103,746,206	25,291	120,532,862	81,781	370,348,707	83,981	375,575,650
TOTAL 1981	42,660	169,021,615	19,813	106,083,894	27,082	132,370,907	89,555	407,476,416	91,925	413,276,887

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF APRIL 30, 1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	305	1,918,475	128	833,096	1,556	9,335,258	1,989	12,086,829
1985: APR	7	45,784	4	51,352	122	906,833	133	1,003,969
MAR	65	424,597	17	117,343	342	1,905,152	424	2,447,092
FEB	107	687,682	38	228,001	411	2,402,406	556	3,318,089
JAN	126	760,412	69	436,400	681	4,120,867	876	5,317,679
TOTAL 1984	2,075	11,341,519	1,182	7,652,280	10,022	54,049,730	13,279	73,043,529
1984: DEC	107	586,573	47	278,274	771	4,600,273	925	5,465,120
NOV	142	771,819	55	342,074	730	4,099,377	927	5,213,270
OCT	141	691,271	90	590,480	842	4,313,882	1,073	5,595,633
SEP	190	1,090,570	85	580,980	813	4,261,809	1,088	5,933,359
AUG	164	880,762	82	590,383	949	5,065,199	1,195	6,536,344
JUL	178	949,777	119	825,594	979	4,905,794	1,276	6,681,165
JUN	181	1,001,101	114	684,826	997	5,016,471	1,292	6,702,398
MAY	203	1,122,011	117	739,485	788	4,371,766	1,108	6,233,262
APR	146	876,785	87	585,171	711	3,919,078	944	5,381,034
MAR	209	1,158,022	131	907,785	710	4,067,057	1,050	6,132,864
FEB	194	1,090,958	135	792,740	778	4,342,728	1,107	6,226,426
JAN	220	1,121,870	120	734,488	954	5,086,296	1,294	6,942,654
TOTAL 1983	2,061	10,383,278	1,583	9,969,581	9,751	47,635,355	13,395	67,988,214
1983: DEC	147	737,062	114	707,473	793	4,178,321	1,054	5,622,856
NOV	163	816,706	107	662,213	909	4,438,252	1,179	5,917,171
OCT	198	1,042,173	130	790,004	899	4,389,151	1,227	6,221,328
SEP	169	846,555	127	771,033	872	3,989,221	1,168	5,606,809
AUG	179	780,611	131	774,651	856	3,792,019	1,166	5,347,281
JUL	178	820,697	125	713,077	819	3,645,329	1,122	5,179,103
JUN	162	795,908	123	828,013	821	3,515,889	1,106	5,139,810
MAY	155	903,570	148	982,254	762	3,751,749	1,065	5,637,573
APR	172	856,144	127	837,487	627	3,296,400	926	4,990,031
MAR	174	933,550	147	878,954	762	4,065,324	1,083	5,877,828
FEB	171	926,938	145	972,962	698	3,698,423	1,014	5,598,323
JAN	193	923,364	159	1,051,460	933	4,875,277	1,285	6,850,101
TOTAL 1982	2,456	13,389,160	2,128	14,554,908	11,106	59,927,797	15,690	87,871,865
TOTAL 1981	2,665	15,429,356	2,527	17,016,432	12,263	68,734,700	17,455	101,180,488

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING APRIL 1985

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	2,006	9,556,802	733	4,363,531	1,279	6,847,713	4,018	20,768,046	4,122	21,094,913
1985: APR	236	1,281,402	49	469,178	346	1,920,278	631	3,670,858	655	3,709,859
MAR	935	4,509,959	246	1,539,869	445	2,285,611	1,626	8,335,439	1,668	8,480,235
FEB	493	2,180,413	239	1,340,508	268	1,324,309	1,000	4,845,230	1,018	4,904,671
JAN	342	1,585,028	199	1,013,976	220	1,317,515	761	3,916,519	781	4,000,148
TOTAL 1984	1,214	4,366,136	803	3,912,951	561	2,802,384	2,578	11,081,471	2,672	11,287,604
1984: DEC	229	965,130	170	838,193	141	829,402	540	2,632,725	554	2,674,756
NOV	268	1,000,756	154	680,359	104	556,008	526	2,237,123	539	2,274,920
OCT	175	593,903	110	569,559	78	489,126	363	1,652,588	370	1,661,898
SEP	133	479,843	85	444,406	61	346,914	279	1,271,163	286	1,279,037
AUG	107	329,927	105	448,632	43	180,420	255	958,979	265	975,022
JUL	78	340,205	66	326,283	30	71,493	174	737,981	182	768,977
JUN	69	224,664	56	285,387	28	84,867	153	594,918	162	618,748
MAY	54	120,250	19	90,106	14	44,973	87	255,329	89	260,579
APR	28	81,811	14	74,152	21	61,122	63	217,085	78	231,613
MAR	24	68,971	10	77,536	20	60,607	54	207,114	58	213,127
FEB	21	65,994	7	34,481	7	25,592	35	126,067	37	129,336
JAN	28	94,682	7	43,857	14	51,860	49	190,399	52	199,591
TOTAL 1983	148	328,783	38	131,829	93	262,157	279	722,769	302	759,003
1983: DEC	23	53,144	1	3,056	17	52,760	41	108,960	41	108,960
NOV	18	58,862	4	16,945	11	42,973	33	118,780	34	123,324
OCT	20	37,787	5	11,608	14	41,399	39	90,794	42	97,095
SEP	17	24,559	5	14,721	9	20,206	31	59,486	42	74,397
AUG	14	34,323	1	1,000	10	34,560	25	69,883	32	79,860
JUL	8	28,204	6	6,122	13	34,404	27	68,730	27	68,730
JUN	11	11,936	7	33,139	3	4,164	21	49,239	22	49,740
MAY	7	5,906	2	21,152	4	9,151	13	36,209	13	36,209
APR	15	36,797	3	6,465	3	4,165	21	47,427	21	47,427
MAR	7	30,759	2	13,615	3	5,805	12	50,179	12	50,179
FEB	3	2,738	2	4,006	1	2,250	6	8,994	6	8,994
JAN	5	3,768	0	0	5	10,320	10	14,088	10	14,088
TOTAL 1982	46	103,522	18	81,632	25	140,837	89	325,991	101	336,297
YRS PRIOR TO 1982	17	37,382	23	138,556	22	67,939	62	243,877	62	243,877
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	3,431	14,392,625	1,615	8,628,499	1,980	10,121,030	7,026	33,142,154	7,259	33,721,694

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of April 30, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLES III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period March 30, 1985 through April 30, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.